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Council District 13 Mitch O'Farrell

Friends:

Los Angeles has another round of heavy rain headed our way, and I want to make sure you have information handy on the City services available to help weather the storm.

- Check your catch basins to make sure they are clear of debris. Call LASAN at 311 or 1-800-773-2489 for assistance with debris removal.
- Ensure your building drainage is clear of debris, including rain gutters.
- Secure any loose palm fronds, tarps, loose items that may be carried away by rain or be blown away.
- Cover steep slopes on your property that are not vegetated, which may become unstable when saturated by rain.
- Use sandbags to protect properties in low lying areas. Contact your neighborhood fire station for sandbags. [A complete list of stations can be found here.](#)

- Have alternate evacuation routes out of your neighborhood.
- If you have sprinklers, turn them off before, during and after rain.
- Install rain barrels to capture rain. LADWP provides rebates for up to 4 rain barrels per property.
- Please reduce water consumption during rain to reduce flows in our sewers.
- Create an emergency kit including the following items: Food and water to last three days to a week (extra for pets); First aid kit & medications (over-the-counter and prescription); Radio (with extra batteries); Cash and important documents; Blankets; Clothing and sturdy shoes; Tools (wrench, duct tape, fire extinguisher, sturdy gloves, whistle); Sanitation and hygiene supplies.

And don't forget - have a flashlight with batteries ready! For more safety tips, [please see this link on the LAFD website](#).

Please take the necessary steps to keep you and your family safe this winter. Of course, if you have any questions, please feel free to call my district office at 213-207-3015.

Stay safe,



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